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SUBJECT: TRANSCRIPT OF STATE DEPT. NEWS BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 1973

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF PORTIONS OF
DEPT.'S SEPTEMBER 12TH NEWS BRIEFING RELATED TO CHILE.

2. QTE

QUESTION PAUL, IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE NICK DANILOFF
WITH A GOODBYE STORY, COULD YOU TELL US, PLEASE, THE UNITED
STATES' VIEWS OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE -- OR THE STATE
DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS, I SHOULD SAY?

ANS. I HAVE NO PARTICULAR COMMENT TO MAKE, WE
BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON A
SITUATION WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE ENTIRELY INTERNAL TO
ANOTHER COUNTRY.

QUES. ARE YOU ABLE TO DENY --

QUES. DOES THAT MEAN THAT RECOGNITION ISN'T NECESSARY?

ANS. IF YOU'LL PARDON MY LAPSING INTO BACKGROUND ON
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THIS, I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT OUR PHILOSOPHY, OR OUR
APPROACH, TO THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION HAS BEEN EVOLVING,
CHANGING, OVER SOME PERIOD OF TIME.

I WOULD POINT OUT THE EXAMPLES, IN RECENT MONTHS, OF AFGHANISTAN, GREECE -- I BELIEVE RWANDA ALSO -- IN WHICH WE REALLY DIDN'T CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION TO ARISE IN ANY SPECIFIC SENSE. THE GERMANE QUESTION IS THAT OF THE MAINTENANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANOTHER GOVERNMENT.

BEYOND THAT, I CAN'T REALLY BE MORE DEFINITIVE TODAY ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CHILE. THE SITUATION ITSELF IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR AT THIS TIME.

QUES. PAUL, IS THE AMBASSADOR THERE IN TOUCH WITH THE JUNTA LEADERSHIP; AND, IF SO, COULD YOU TELL US WHAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED?

QUES. HAVE YOU LEFT BEING ON BACKGROUND?

ANS. YES. I'LL ANSWER. LET ME GO ON BACKGROUND AGAIN, SIMPLY BECAUSE I'M NOT ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN OF MY FACTS.

TO MY KNOWLEDGE, AND UP TO THE PRESENT TIME, WE HAVE NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ANY OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS ACTION.

QUES. PAUL, ARE YOU ABLE TO DENY --

QUES. COULD I -- JUST A MINUTE, PAUL --

ANS. I WILL HASTEN TO ADD THAT IF I'M WRONG OR IF THERE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE CHANGED THAT IN THE LAST HOURS OR MINUTES, I'LL CORRECT MYSELF.

QUES. PAUL, IS THIS ON INSTRUCTIONS THAT HAVE GONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO THE AMBASSADOR?

ANS. I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, NO.

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QUES. PAUL, I WONDER IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS YOU MIGHT SUPPLY ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH OF MR. ALLENDE. THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME DISPUTE ABOUT THE FACTS, AND I WONDER IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED ANY PRECISE INFORMATION FROM SANTIAGO.

ANS. I'M NOT EVEN IN THE POSITION TODAY OF CONFIRMING HIS DEATH. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, SEEN THE MEDIA ACCOUNTS, BUT THAT'S IT.

QUES. PAUL, THE OBVIOUS QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT THE AMERICANS IN CHILE? WHAT IS THE STATUS THERE --

THEIR SAFETY?

ANS. LET ME PROVIDE YOU WITH A COUPLE OF STATISTICS WHICH WE DUG UP.

IN TERMS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, WE COUNT 164, PLUS 273 DEPENDENTS; PRIVATE U.S. CITIZENS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 2,435 -- WHICH MAKES A TOTAL OF ABOUT 2,860.

WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTS OF ANY INJURIES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.

QUES. DO YOU HAVE ANY REPORTS OF DAMAGE TO AMERICAN PROPERTY?

ANS. NO REPORTS OF DAMAGE TO AMERICAN PROPERTY. OUR EMBASSY, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS VERY CLOSE TO THE SCENE OF SOME OF THE ACTION; AND I THINK THE EMBASSY STRUCTURE HAS BEEN BASICALLY UNHARMED -- PERHAPS A COUPLE OF STRAY BULLETS HIT IT, I'M NOT SURE.

QUES. PAUL, TO FOLLOW UP DARIUS QUESTION, JUST TO TAP A LOOSE END, HAS THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR ATTEMPTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE JUNTA, OR HAS THE JUNTA ATTEMPTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND THERE WAS NO MEETING YET?

ANS. AGAIN, I'M GOING TO GO ON BACKGROUND. I WANT TO BE ABSOLUTELY PRECISE ON THIS. BUT, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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UP TO THE PRESENT TIME, I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY CONTACT BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA --

QUES. PAUL, DO YOU HAVE ANY REPORT --

ANS. -- OR ANY INITIATION BY THE JUNTA TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR, OR VICE VERSA.

QUES. PAUL, IS THAT BEFORE AND AFTER THE EVENT, OR ARE YOU JUST SPEAKING ABOUT AFTER THE EVENT?

ANS. IF I CATCH YOUR QUESTION PROPERLY, I THINK I OUGHT TO MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR -- AND UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR -- THAT THE US GOVERNMENT, AND ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THE US GOVERNMENT, WERE NOT -- REPEAT NOT -- INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

QUES. PAUL, DO YOU KNOW -- CAN YOU SPEAK FOR UNITED AMERICAN (SIC) CORPORATIONS TOO, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE?

ANS. I HESITATE TO SPEAK FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BUT I

JUST WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT IN TERMS OF THIS
GOVERNMENT THAT WE WERE NOT INVOLVED.
QUES. WERE WE AWARE THAT IT WAS COMING?

ANS. AS AN INDICATION OF WHERE THE STATE OF OUR KNOW-
LEDGE STOOD, YOU MAY RECALL THAT WE HAD FOUR, I BELIEVE --
FOUR SHIPS -- FOUR VESSELS -- WHICH WERE PROCEEDING TO
CHILE. AND ONCE WE HEARD OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN CHILE,
WE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THE VESSELS IN QUESTION TO RE-
DIRECT THEIR COURSE AND STAY AWAY FROM CHILEAN WATERS OR
PORTS.

QUES. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MILITARY SHIPS?

ANS. YES.

QUES. PAUL, WHEN YOU SAY 'ALL ELEMENTS, ARE YOU
INCLUDING THE CIA?

ANS. YES.

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QUES. ARE YOU AUTHORIZED TO DO SO, SPECIFICALLY?

ANS. I'M CONFIDENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH I SPEAK.

QUES. PAUL, YOU SAY THAT SUBSEQUENTLY YOU INFORMED
THESE VESSELS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WERE ORDERED TO
CHANGE COURSE BEFORE YESTERDAY, IS THAT SO?

ANS. I DON'T KNOW THE SOURCES OF YOUR INFORMATION,
STAN; BUT THAT DOES NOT GIBE WITH MY UNDERSTANDING.

QUES. THEY WERE NOT TOLD IN THE AFTERNOON YESTERDAY?

ANS. MY TIME SEQUENCE IS A LITTLE BIT, YOU KNOW,
UNCLEAR IN TERMS OF PRECISE HOURS; BUT MY UNDERSTANDING
IS THAT THEY WERE EN ROUTE, IN FULL STEAM, WHEN ORDERS
WERE SENT TO THEM TO CHANGE THEIR DIRECTION.

QUES. CAN YOU TELL US --

QUES. YES, BUT WERE THESE ORDERS SENT BEFORE THE COUP
OR AFTER? -

ANS. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY WERE SENT, ONCE
THE COUP HAD IN FACT STARTED IN CHILE.

QUES. WHERE ARE THEY NOW, PAUL?

ANS. I'M NOT SURE. I THINK --

QUES. THE FOUR VESSELS.

ANS. -- IN TERMS OF THE SPECIFICS ABOUT THEM NOW, I'D
REFER YOU TO THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. I BELIEVE THEY'RE --

QUES. ON THE HIGH SEAS, PAUL?

ANS. -- GOING DOWN TOWARDS ARGENTINA, BUT I M NOT SURE.

QUES. PAUL, WAS THAT THREE DESTROYERS AND A SUBMARINE?

ANS. THREE DESTROYERS AND A SUBMARINE.

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QUES. AND, PAUL, ARE YOU AWARE OF SUGGESTIONS THAT THE
UNITED STATES WAS INVOLVED IN PROMOTING A COUP IN CHILE?

ANS. WELL, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO BE MORE PRECISE IN
TERMS OF WHAT SUGGESTIONS YOU SPEAK OF.

QUES. WELL, THERE'S A CATEGORICAL DENIAL HERE; AND I
JUST WONDERED, AND YOU'VE SAID THAT YOU WERE VERY CONVINCED
OF THE GROUNDS OF WHICH YOU SPOKE --

ANS. YES.

QUES. -- AND I JUST WONDERED WHAT WAS PROMPTING YOU TO
MAKE THIS DENIAL AND MAKE IT SO CATEGORICAL.

ANS. WELL, BECAUSE I SENSED THAT THAT WAS THE
IMPLICATION OF THE QUESTION WHICH WAS DIRECTED TO ME.

QUES. YES, BUT MY FURTHER QUESTION IS: IS IT IN SOME
SENSE A RESPONSE TO SUGGESTIONS OF WHICH I MAY NOT BE
AWARE THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS INVOLVED IN A DIRTY TRICK?

ANS. ON BACKGROUND, I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD COME AS
ANY SURPRISE TO YOU, NICK, THAT IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS
KIND VERY FREQUENTLY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS
ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY OR INVOLVEMENT IN MATTERS OF THIS
KIND; AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THAT WAS
NOT THE CASE.

QUES. YOUR DENIAL IS GIVEN IN A KIND OF GENERAL SENSE;
IT'S NOT A RESPONSE TO ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTION. IS THAT
RIGHT?

ANS. NO. MY DENIAL WAS IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHICH
WAS ADDRESSED TO ME.

QUES. PAUL, WHERE WERE THE FOUR AMERICAN VESSELS
HEADED FOR IN CHILE, WHAT PORT?

ANS. I DON'T KNOW THE PORT.
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QUES. VALPARAISO?

ANS. DON'T KNOW.

QUES. PAUL, YESTERDAY YOU TOOK A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT
TYPE OF VESSELS THESE WERE. DO YOU HAVE A RESPONSE TO
THAT?

ANS. WELL, THERE WERE THREE DESTROYERS AND A SUBMARINE.

QUES. SIR, ON AUGUST 20TH --

ANS. AN ASW SUBMARINE.

QUES. SIR, ON AUGUST 20TH, I BELIEVE IT WAS, THE
SECRETARY OF STATE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE FAILURE
OF A SIMILAR COUP IN LAOS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT
THAT HAD FAILED. NOW, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
CURRENT COUP IN CHILE IN THAT YOU FEEL IT IS INAPPROPRIATE
TO COMMENT ON?

ANS. BECAUSE WE CONSIDER THAT THE SITUATION IN CHILE
TO BE -- THE ACTION WHICH IS TAKEN THERE TO BE AN
ENTIRELY INTERNAL MATTER.

QUES. IS THAT DIFFERENT IN ANY WAY FROM THE SITUATION
IN LAOS AT THAT TIME?

ANS. ON BACKGROUND, I THINK THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES,
YES.

QUES. PAUL, CAN YOU CHARACTERIZE FOR US THE STATUS
OF OUR RELATIONS WITH CHILE IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE
ALLENDE GOVERNMENT, OR THE LAST WEEKS AND MONTHS? HOW
WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THEM -- AS WARM OR DISTANT OR
CORDIAL? WHAT ADJECTIVES WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE
WASHINGTON'S RELATIONS WITH SANTIAGO?

ANS. I DON'T HAVE A DESCRIPTIVE PHRASE TO USE, TO DRAW
OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD. I'M INCLINED, IN ANY EVENT, TO
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AVOID CHARACTERIZATIONS OF THAT KIND. I WOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT WE DID, AND STILL, CONTINUE TO HAVE, OF COURSE, AN EMBASSY IN CHILE. WE HAVE, I BELIEVE, A PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN PLACE THERE.

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QUES. NOW?

ANS. YES. I BELIEVE THAT'S THE CASE. AND HAD A PL 480 AID PROGRAM, AND A MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

QUES. DO YOU THINK WE'LL GET ALONG AS WELL OR BETTER OR WORSE WITH THE NEW BOYS RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT? BY "WE", OF COURSE, I MEAN THE GOVERNMENT. I'M NOT INCLUDING PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

ANS. I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY UNWISE FOR ME TO TRY AND PREDICT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

QUES. BACK ON THIS CHILE THING, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE FELT FREE TO COMMENT ON THE COUP, AND, IN SOME CASES, RATHER VIGOROUSLY TO DENOUNCE THE COUP. COULD YOU HELP US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR SILENCE IS INTENDED TO CONVEY?

ANS. MY SILENCE IS INTENDED TO CONVEY -- OR MY LACK OF COMMENT IS INTENDED TO CONVEY THE FACT THAT WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE A MATTER INTERNAL TO CHILE.

QUES. WELL, MOST COUPS ARE.

QUES. THE LAOTIAN COUP WASN'T A MATTER INTERNAL TO LAOS? OR THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN LAOS.

ANS. IN LAOS, THERE WAS AN ATTEMPTED COUP. ON BACKGROUND, I WOULD POINT OUT THAT IN LAOS, WHICH IS PART OF THE ENTIRE INDOCHINA THEATER, AND WHICH BEARS ON THE SITUATION IN OTHER PARTS OF INDOCHINA, I THINK THE SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT.

QUES. PAUL, ARE YOU SAYING THE LAOTIAN COUP WAS PROMULGATED FROM THE OUTSIDE OR INVOLVED IN SOME WAY?
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ANS. NO, I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THAT AT ALL.

QUES. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE, PAUL?

ANS. I SAID THAT, ONE, THAT WITH LAOS, YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT LAOS IN TERMS OF ITS RELATIONSHIPS TO THE REST OF INDOCHINA, AND, SECONDLY, YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT IT IN TERMS OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WHICH WAS UNDERWAY TO ESTA-

BLISH A CEASE-FIRE THROUGHOUT THAT AREA, AN OBJECTIVE
WHICH WE HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY SEARCHING FOR.

QUES. PAUL, TWO QUESTIONS ONE VERY BLUNTLY.
DOES THE U.S. ACQUIESCE IN THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF A
CONSTITUTED REGIME? I BELIEVE YOU DID RECOGNIZE THE
ALLENDE REGIME AS A CONSTITUTED REGIME.

SECONDLY, YOU YOURSELF RAISED IN A BACKGROUND REPLY,
THE MATTER OF GREECE. THE U.S. HAS -- THIS ROOM HAS
CONSISTENTLY IN DISCUSSING GREECE SPOKEN OF AMERICA'S
HOPE THAT GREECE WOULD RETURN TO A DEMOCRATIC REGIME. DO
YOU SHARE SUCH A HOPE VIS-A-VIS CHILE?

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ANSWER: OUR GENERAL INCLINATION, OUR CONSTANTLY EX-
PRESSED HOPE, NOT ONLY IN LATIN AMERICA BUT ELSEWHERE, OF
COURSE, ARE FOR DEMOCRATIC FORMS OF GOVERNMENT.

QUESTION: WE ARE TALKING ABOUT CHILE, SPECIFICALLY, PAUL.
YOU TALK ABOUT GREECE SPECIFICALLY WHEN YOU SPEAK OF
GREECE, YOU DON'T SPEAK OF THE WORLD. YOU DON'T SPEAK OF
THE SOVIET UNION TURNING TOWARD DEMOCRACY.

ANSWER: YES, I UNDERSTAND THAT.

QUESTION: BUT YOU SPEAK OF GREECE TURNING TOWARD DEMOCRA-
CY.

ANSWER: I UNDERSTAND THAT. I THINK I WOULD APPLY THAT
SITUATION TO CHILE, ALSO. IT'S PART OF OUR GENERAL
APPROACH.

QUESTION: YOU SPECIFICALLY HOPE THAT CHILE WILL RESUME
THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

ANSWER: YES.

QUESTION: AND A REPLY TO MY FIRST QUESTION, PAUL, CON-
CERNING THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF A CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT.

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ANSWER: WHAT WAS YOUR QUESTION, NOW?

QUESTION: DO YOU ACQUIESCE IN THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF A CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, IF YOU WILL?

ANSWER: AGAIN, I HAVE TO REPEAT THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOT COMMENTING ON THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN CHILE, AND WE CONSIDER THAT TO BE INTERNAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE.

QUESTION: PAUL, ONE EVENT THAT HAS OCCURRED IN CHILE IS PRESS CENSORSHIP, AND I THINK YOU WOULD AGREE THAT THAT DOES HAVE EXTERNAL AS WELL AS INTERNAL IMPLICATIONS. JUST ISOLATING THAT EVENT, HOW DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT FEEL ABOUT THE INSTITUTION OF PRESS CENSORSHIP IN CHILE?

ANSWER: I DON'T HAVE A VIEW TO OFFER YOU FROM THE TOP OF MY HEAD. THE SITUATION IN CHILE IS ONE WHICH IS STILL VERY FLUID. IF PRESS CENSORSHIP WERE PRACTICED IN CHILE ON A LONG-TERM BASIS, AS IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY, WE WOULD, OF COURSE, FAVOR THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS. BUT PRESS CENSORSHIP, I WOULD ALSO HASTEN TO POINT OUT,

EXISTS IN MANY COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

QUESTION: IT DIDN'T EXIST IN CHILE BEFORE DR. ALLENDE WAS OVERTHROWN, THOUGH, DID IT?

ANSWER: OKAY, BUT I'M JUST POINTING OUT THAT--.

QUESTION: WE KNOW ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION--

ANSWER: AND A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE PRESS CENSORSHIP IS A MATTER OF FACT.

QUESTION: INDEED, SOME OF OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS, BUT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT CHILE SPECIFICALLY.

QUESTION: DOES YOUR NO COMMENT ON THE EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN CHILE PRECLUDE EVEN AN EXPRESSION OF REGRET OVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT?

ANSWER: WELL, I'M JUST NOT IN A POSITION TO TALK ABOUT THAT SINCE, AS I SAID, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE CONFIRMATION OF HIS DEATH.

QUESTION: PAUL, DO YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY IN COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR EMBASSY? IS THAT THE REASON YOU ARE NOT GETTING--YOU HAVE NO CONFIRMATION?

ANSWER: NO. WE HAVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR EMBASSY.

QUESTION: SIR, ON ONE INTERNATIONAL MATTER, THE NEW CHILEAN JUNTA HAS DECIDED TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH CUBA. DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT DERIVE ANY SATISFACTION FROM THAT?

ANSWER: I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT REPORT.

QUESTION: THAT IS ONE OF THE FIRST ACTIONS THEY TOOK.

ANSWER: I DID NOT SEE THAT REPORT. IN ANY EVENT, OUR APPROACH TO MATTERS CUBAN HAVE BEEN PRETTY WELL ARTICULATED WITHIN THE OAS CONSULTATIVE PROCESS.

QUESTION: PAUL, THERE ARE SOME REPORTS ABOUT A THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN CHILE. I HEARD IT IN A RADIO STATION. I THINK IT COULD BE EXPECTED THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE COULD BE EXILED OR SUFFER FROM SOME KIND OF REPRESSION OF THIS GOVERNMENT. CONSIDERING THAT THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT WAS DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED, AS IT HAPPENED IN MANY OCCASIONS BEFORE, WOULD THESE PEOPLE

THAT WOULD SUFFER UNDER A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP HAVE ANY POSSIBILITY OF EXPECTING SOME KIND OF ASSISTANCE OF BEING WELCOMED INTO THIS COUNTRY?

ANSWER: FIRST, I HAVE TO POINT OUT THAT I CAN'T FROM HERE CONFIRM ANY OF THOSE REPORTS. WE DO NOT, AT THIS TIME AT LEAST, HAVE ANY INFORMATION TO CONFIRM THOSE REPORTS. WITH RESPECT TO YOUR LONGER-TERM QUESTION, I
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DON'T LIKE TO GET MYSELF INTO A POSITION OF TRYING TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT BRING.

QUESTION: PAUL, MAY I ASSUME THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS GIVING THIS MOST SERIOUS CONCERN, THESE EVENTS IN CHILE? IS THE MATTER BEING PERSONALLY REVIEWED OR EXAMINED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY RUSH AND DR. KISSINGER? IS THERE A TASK FORCE SET UP TO EXAMINE THE DETAILS AS THEY ARRIVE?

ANSWER: I THINK THAT YOU CAN ASSUME THAT THIS GOVERNMENT AND ALL OF ITS PARTS, HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY FOLLOWING WHAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE IN CHILE.

QUESTION: PAUL, WHAT IS THIS--?

ANSWER: A TASK FORCE, I BELIEVE, HAS BEEN SET UP.

QUESTION: PAUL, HAS THIS COUP AFFECTED THE NORMAL OPERATION TO ANY GREAT DEGREE OF OUR EMBASSY; THAT IS, EXTRA SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO THE STAFF?

ANSWER: WELL, I'M SURE THEY ARE BEING PRUDENT RIGHT NOW, BUT THE EMBASSY ITSELF IS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.

QUESTION: ARE OUR PEOPLE RESTRICTED?

ANSWER: I AM SURE THAT THEY ARE IMPOSING SOME SELF-RESTRICTIONS ON THEMSELVES, BUT I DON'T KNOW PRECISELY WHAT THEY MIGHT BE.

QUESTION: PAUL, YOU MENTIONED THAT THE POLICY OF RECOGNITION IS IN A PROCESS OF EVOLUTION. IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TRYING TO SET OUT GUIDELINES ON RECOGNITION AND WHERE RECOGNITION IS REQUIRED, WHERE RECOGNITION WILL BE NECESSARY SO THAT WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHY SOMETHING IS BEING DONE OR NOT BEING DONE IN THE FUTURE?

ANSWER: I THINK THAT'S A GOOD POINT, MARILYN, IN TERMS OF POSSIBLY GETTING SOMEBODY DOWN HERE IN THE NOT TOO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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DISTANT FUTURE TO EXPLAIN THE LEGALITIES OF OUR POSITION. I WAS JUST TRYING TO INDICATE THAT THAT HAS BEEN THE GENERAL PHILOSOPHY WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHING SITUATIONS OF THIS KIND.

QUESTION: PAUL, IS THERE A POLICY, OR IS EACH SITUATION LOOKED O AT ON ITS OWN? YOU HAVE MENTIONED THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST. BUT THIS DOESN'T NECESSARILY CONSTITUTE A POLICY.

ANSWER: ON BACKGROUND, I THINK THAT IT HAS BEEN MORE A MATTER OF OUR PHILOSOPHY, OUR APPROACH, OUR THRUST, RATHER THAN A CLEARLY ARTICULATE DOCTRINE, IF YOU WISH. IT IS THE WAY IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN MOVING. IT IS GETTING AWAY A LITTLE BIT FROM THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION PER SE AND LOOKING AT IT MUCH MORE IN TERMS OF THE MAINTENANCE, RESUMPTION, CONTINUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

QUESTION: PAUL, IN THAT CONNECTION, WOULD THERE BE ANY REASON, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF HOW YOU EXPRESS THIS PHILOSOPHY, OR APPROACH, TO CONSIDER BREAKING OR RESTORING RELATIONS WITH CHILE? THEY SIMPLY GO ON--ISN'T THAT CORRECT? THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS NOT CENTRAL TO THIS CONSIDERATION.

ANSWER: ON BACKGROUND, THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS NOT CENTRAL TO THIS CONSIDERATION. THE MORE SALIENT FACTORS ARE THOSE OF EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE TERRITORY, AN EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, AND FINALLY, I SUPPOSE, A DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

QUESTION: NO CONSIDERATION IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM WHETHER THAT PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT--AND I AM NOT SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT CHILE--IN ADDITION TO EFFECTIVE CONTROL, WHAT ABOUT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT--NO INTEREST IN THAT?

ANSWER: I HAVE BEEN HEARING A LOT ABOUT HUMAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RIGHTS, LISTENING TO A DIALOGUE ON THIS ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS BY PEOPLE MUCH MORE ARTICULATE THAN MYSELF. I REALLY DON'T FEEL IT NECESSARY TO RESTATE OUR VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY HAVE BEEN STATED AND MADE VERY CLEAR.

QUESTION: PAUL, IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHARING CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT'S CONCERN THAT THERE IS THE DANGER OF CIVIL WAR IN CHILE?

ANSWER: I DON'T HAVE ANY ASSESSMENT TO PROVIDE TO YOU ON WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IN CHILE.

QUESTION: PAUL, THE FIRST POINT YOU MADE, ON THE ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR CONSIDERING THE RECOGNITION QUESTION, WHAT WAS IT AGAIN--EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE TERRITORY?

ANSWER: EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE TERRITORY, YES. IS THAT A PROBLEM FOR YOU?

QUESTION: NO--IT'S A GEOPOLITICAL IDEA.

QUESTION: I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT COUNTRIES LIKE LAOS AND SOUTH VIET-NAM, IN SITUATIONS WHERE THE GOVERNMENT WE RECOGNIZE DOESN'T HAVE CONTROL OF THE TERRITORY.

ANSWER: SUBSTANTIAL PARTS OF THEIR TERRITORY.

QUESTION: PAUL, CAN WE MOVE TO THE SECOND POINT OF YOUR EXAMPLE--INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. YOU MEAN PAYING BILLS, OR NOT EXPROPRIATING PROPERTY, FAIR COMPENSATION, OR SHOWING UP AT THE UN? COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE US SOME EXAMPLES OF THE KIND OF OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS THAT WE ARE HAPPY WITH IN A GOVERNMENT--A GOVERNMENT SUCH AS THE NEW

GOVERNMENT OF CHILE. IF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, I WOULD LIKE SOME IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATION.

ANSWER: I THINK IT WOULD INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS A WILL-INGNESS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AN EXPRESS DESIRE TO MEET STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT AND DIPLOMATIC BEHAVIOR.

QUESTION: PAUL--THOSE THREE CRITERIA--THE SAME THING ALWAYS HAPPENS? THERE IS NO CHANGE OR EVOLUTION THERE?

ANSWER: I REALLY HESITATE TO GO INTO THIS FURTHER ON A LEGAL BASIS. I WOULD PREFER TO HAVE SOMEBODY DOWN HERE TO EXPLAIN IT. I KNOW FROM MY LIMITED STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW THAT THESE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERATIONS, CERTAINLY.

QUESTION: PAUL, HAS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DROPPED AN OLD POLICY OF ONLY RECOGNIZING THOSE GOVERNMENT OF WHICH IT APPROVES?

ANSWER: ON BACKGROUND, IT THINK THAT IS BASICALLY-- THAT IS A REFLECTION OF THE PHILOSOPHY THAT WE ARE PURSUING.

QUESTION: WELL, FORGIVE THE NEXT QUESTION, THEN, BUT WHY THEN DOESN'T THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZE CERTAIN OTHER GOVERNMENTS, LIKE CUBA.

ANSWER: WE HAVE STATED OUR POSITION ON CUBA.

QUESTION: PAUL, YOUR REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS--

ANSWER: BUT I WOULD POINT OUT IN TERMS OF CUBA THE FACT OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RECIPROCITY ARISES.

QUESTION: PAUL, FOLLOWING UP ON MARILYN, YOU ARE SAYING, THEN, THAT HUMAN RIGHTS, MORAL FACTORS AND THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT PLAY NO CONSIDERATION IN WHETHER THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC CONTACT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AT ALL--THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

ANSWER: NO, I DIDN'T SAY THAT.
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QUESTION: DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT IT IS NOT A CONSIDERATION?

ANSWER: I DIDN'T SAY THAT. IT IS A MATTER OF DEGREE.

QUESTION: WHAT IS A MATTER OF DEGREE--HOW REPRESSIVE THEY ARE?

ANSWER: WE MIGHT VERY WELL FIND INSTANCES WHERE ACTIONS OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT WERE SO REPREHENSIBLE THAT THAT WOULD IMPAIR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM.

QUESTION: SO IT IS A MATTER OF THE DEGREE OF REPREHENSIVENESS.

ANSWER: WELL, STATE IT WHATEVER WAY YOU WANT TO STATE IT.

QUESTION: PAUL, I ASSUME YOU ARE REFERRING, IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS OF RECENT DAYS, TO THE KISSINGER OUTLINES BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, IS THAT CORRECT?

ANSWER: YES --THAT MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED.

QUESTION: THE STATE DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH THE KISSING VIEW. (LAUGHTER)

ANSWER: I THINK I CAN SAY PRETTY SAFELY THAT WE DON'T DISAGREE WITH HIS VIEWS.

QUESTION: PAUL, REALLY, WHEN WE HEARD, I THINK IT WAS, CHARLIE BRAY EXPLAIN OUR VIEW ABOUT THE CHANGE--WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION WITH REGARD TO THE CHANGE IN THE GREEK STRUCTURE, ALTHOUGH HE DIDN'T USE THE WORD "INERTIA" THAT WAS THE INFERENCE I GOT. IN OTHER WORDS, THAT ONCE WE HAVE RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY, WE TEND TO CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT IS SIMPLY SUSPENDED OUT OF EXISTENCE. IS THAT PART OF THIS EVOLVING PHILOSOPHY THAT YOU SPEAK OF? IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAD RELATIONS WITH CHILE, AND WE TEND TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY.

ANSWER: I CAN'T SAY THAT RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THE SITUATION IN CHILE ITSELF IS UNCLEAR. I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY FURTHER FOR YOU TODAY WITH RESPECT TO CHILE.

QUESTION: HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOUCH, OR HAS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT ALL,

AT ANY LEVEL, CONCERNING EVENTS IN CHILE?

ANSWER: THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

QUESTION: ONE LAST QUESTION ON CHILE, PLEASE. WERE THERE ANY LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED IN THE CHILEAN COUP?

ANSWER: I DON'T KNOW.

QUESTION: WELL, PAUL, REALLY--ON THAT QUESTION-- I AM GLAD IT WAS BROUGHT UP, BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO ASK YOU, AND LET ME ASK YOU NOW, WHAT HAVE WE HEARD FROM OUR EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES ABOUT THE COUP? WHAT IS THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION? WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OUR EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES, I WOULD THINK.

ANSWER: YES, WE HAVE BEEN.

QUESTION: CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR ASSESSMENT OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN CHILE? AND WHETHER THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WAS INVOLVED?

ANSWER: NO, I DON'T HAVE A GENERAL ASSESSMENT TO PROVIDE TO YOU ON WHAT THE SITUATION IS LIKE IN CHILE AS REPORTED TO US FROM THE EMBASSY. THAT IS NOT TO BE SECRETIVE ABOUT IT. IT IS JUST THAT THERE IS NOTHING DRAMATIC TO OFFER YOU.

QUESTION: SIR, YOU SAY YOU DON'T KNOW WHETHER ANY LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WERE INVOLVED. HOW CAN YOU SAY SO FLATLY THIS IS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR IN CHILE?

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ANSWER: FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW,--

QUESTION: WELL, I MEAN IT ISN'T INTERNAL--

ANSWER: --IT IS AN INTERNAL MATTER.

QUESTION: AS FAR AS YOU KNOW, IT IS AN INTERNAL MATTER.

ANSWER: THAT IS RIGHT. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, IT IS AN INTERNAL MATTER. AND I THINK THAT IS VERY CONSISTENT WITH ALSO MY ACKNOWLEDGED IGNORANCE OF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION THERE. END QUOTE.

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